Increasing Ambulatory Access at Dartmouth Hitchcock

Outpatient Access Working Group
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DH Ambulatory Workgroup Membership

- Chief Medical Officer
- VP Ambulatory Care
- VP Population Health
- VP Finance

- Director Ambulatory Ops
- Director Outpatient Nursing
- Director Operational Excellence
- Staff Physicians
- Performance Improvement



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The DMAIC Framework



What's the problem?

How big is the problem?

Why does this happen?

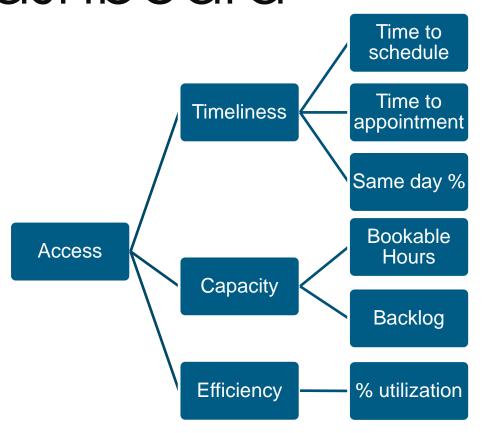
What are we going to do about it?

How do we keep this from happening again?



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Measuring Access - Dashboard







Ongoing Efforts to Increase

Access

Intervention	Objective
Hiring more providers	Increase bookable hours
Workload balancing	Optimizing workload balance between provider, nurse, medical assistants
Expand use of Associate Providers	Increase capacity, reduce patient workload for physicians
Increase efficiency with new models of care	Use team approach to support providers with RN coordinators, increasing clinic throughput
Expand clinic hours	Increase bookable hours
Telemedicine	Reduce constraints of in-person visits
Extending scheduling to out- months	Reduce backlog and waitlist



